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DR. COTTAM RESIGNS FEDERAL WILDLIFE POSITION

The resignation of Dr. Clarence Cottam as assistant to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay.

Dr. Cottam will assume the post of dean of the College of Biology and Agriculture at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, at the beginning of the new fall term.

Dr. Cottam joined the former Bureau of Biological Survey in 1929 as a biologist in the Section of Food Habits Research. In 1934 he was placed in charge of a section devoted to research on economic wildlife problems in the Division of Wildlife Research. Ten years later he became chief of that Division.

In April 1946, Dr. Cottam succeeded Albert M. Day as assistant director of the Service when the latter was appointed as Service director. In April 1953, when the Service was being reorganized, Dr. Cottam was reassigned as an assistant to director John L. Farley.

Dr. Cottam's major fields of research have been on the economic status of birds; waterfowl, wildlife, and refuge management; marsh ecology; and the coordination of wildlife conservation with other land and water uses. He has authored or co-authored more than 200 articles on wildlife subjects, and belongs to numerous scientific and professional organizations. On May 1, 1948, he was the recipient of an honorary award from the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters for outstanding achievement in the biological sciences. While associated with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Dr. Cottam acted as Service representative on many departmental, interdepartmental, and national scientific committees.

Born in St. George, Utah, on January 1, 1899, Cottam attended the schools of his home town, including Dixie College, and later studied at the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and George Washington University in Washington, D. C. He received his B.S. degree in 1926 and his M.S. in 1927 from Brigham Young University, and his Ph.D. from George Washington University in 1936. After graduating from college in 1927 he served as a member of the faculty of Brigham Young University, teaching zoology, botany, and entomology, until he entered Federal service.

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